

CONFIDENTIAL**ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE
ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT**US Serial No. 09/896,278- 2 -January 15, 2003

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE & AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.111 & 1.115

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 8, 2002, as to which the period for response has been extended for three (3) months by payment of the appropriate fee, and to add to the Response and Amendment of January 8, 2003, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: See amended Claim(s) attached hereto in both "Clean" and "Marked-Up" forms.

R E M A R K S

The applicants submit this Supplemental Response and Amendment to correct the language of Claim 1, based on the Amendment already filed on January 8, 2003. The Amendment cancels claim language which, based on the above-identified amendment is now rendered superfluous. Any inconvenience caused by this Supplemental Amendment is regretted; however, the applicants believe that this amendment advances the prosecution of the instant application.

Accordingly, entry of the present amendment, reconsideration of all grounds of objection and rejection, withdrawal thereof, and passage of this application to issue are all hereby respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Claims amendment in Clean and Marked-up forms,